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1. FEBRUARY 23 (SUNDAY) EDITION OF WASHINGTON POST CARRIES STORY BY BELGRADE CORRESPONDENT DUSKO DODER ENTITLED "FREEWHEELING MARXIST JOURNAL FORCED TO CLOSE." STORY REPORTS THAT YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAVE QUIETLY SUPPRESSED THE BI-MONTHLY PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL PRAXIS, AFTER FAILURE OF ATTEMPTS TO REACH COMPROMISE WITH EDITORS AND CONTRIBUTORS, BY PASSING WORD TO PRINTING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT JOURNAL "WAS NOT RPT NOT TO BE PRINTED ANYMORE AND THAT PRINTERS SHOULD REFUSE TO HANDLE ITS COPY."

2. PRAXIS CONTRIBUTORS ARE DESCRIBED AS INTERPRETING MARXISM DIFFERENTLY FROM OFFICIAL LCY THEORETICIANS AND  
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OCCASIONALLY "BEING PRESUMPTUOUS ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THEY

COULD NOT ONLY ANALYZE AND CRITICIZE YUGOSLAV SOCIALISM BUT -- PROPOSE NEW POLICIES AND EVEN FORCE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION." AS A RESULT, SAYS STORY, PRAXIS "BECAME THE FOCAL POINT OF A POLITICAL MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNIVERSITIES."

3. ARTICLE INTERPRETS DECISION TO SILENCE PRAXIS AS "TELLING SIGN OF THE PREVAILING CULTURAL CLIMATE IN YUGOSLAVIA." CLOSING OF PRAXIS IS ALSO SEEN TO HAVE LARGER IMPLICATION, I.E. REFUTING "THE BELIEFS OF MANY MARXISTS HERE (IN YUGOSLAVIA) AND ABROAD THAT A LIBERAL COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT COULD EVOLVE TO THE POINT WHERE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THOUGHT MIGHT BE TOLERATED AT LEAST AMONG THE MARXIST ELITE."

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